



Bobby and the Runaway Gingerbread

Once in a cozy kitchen, there was a cook who decided to make a special treat – a gingerbread man for little Bobby. She mixed flour, water, treacle, and ginger into a lovely dough. She made square cakes for boys, round cakes for girls, and for Bobby, she shaped a little gingerbread man with a cute raisin mouth and caraway seed eyes.

When she put the gingerbread man in the oven, he looked so jolly! But as the cook went to clean the house, the gingerbread man had other plans. As soon as the oven door opened, he leaped out and ran towards the open back door, singing, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

The cook saw him escape and called to Mouser the cat, "Catch the gingerbread man for Bobby!" But the gingerbread man was too quick and slipped right past Mouser, running down the garden path.

Next, the cook called to Towser the dog, "Stop the gingerbread man!" But again, the gingerbread man was too speedy, dodging Towser and climbing up a big tree in the garden.

In that tree was Jocko the monkey. The cook shouted, "Jocko, catch the gingerbread man!" Jocko tried, but the gingerbread man climbed to the very top, laughing and singing.

Just then, little Bobby, who had been hearing all the commotion, came running out in his pajamas. He saw the gingerbread man in the tree and called out, "Come down, Mr. Gingerbread, I'll give you a tour of our lovely garden!"

The gingerbread man, loving adventures, thought it was a great idea and jumped down right into Bobby's hands. Bobby showed him the beautiful flowers and the buzzing bees, and they both laughed and sang together.

As they walked, the gingerbread man whispered, "Bobby, I think I'd like to stay with you. Will you keep me safe in your pocket?" Bobby, delighted, tucked the gingerbread man into his pocket and promised to take him on many more adventures.

And so, the gingerbread man found a new home with little Bobby, full of fun and laughter, and they became the best of friends.

And that's the story of the adventurous gingerbread man who found a friend in little Bobby.